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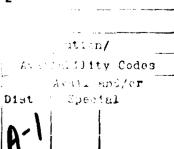
9. ABSTRACT OF OBJECTIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The dynamics and kinetics of ion-molecule collision processes have been explored in flowing afterglow, flow-drift and single collision instruments using laser-induced fluorescence and Doppler resolved laser probing. The thermal energy rate coefficient and branching ratio for the atmospherically important ion-molecule reaction:

$$N_2^+ + O \rightarrow NO^+ + N$$
 $O^+ + N_2$

were determined to be $k = 1.8(\pm 0.7) \times 10^{-10}$ cm³ s⁻¹ and NO⁺: O⁺ = 90 (±3): 10 (±3), respectively. The good agreement with previous measurements suggests that this reaction rate coefficient is not the source of the discrepancy between measured and predicted densities of N₂⁺ in the E and F regions of the earth's atmosphere.

The rotational alignment of N_2^+ induced by collisions with helium was probed with laser-induced fluorescence in the uniform electric field of a flow-drift tube. The ions are found to be aligned preferentially with rotational angular momentum vectors perpendicular to the electric field vector. The observed alignment is associated with the considerable repulsive anisotropy and the relatively small well depth of the N_2^+ -He interaction potential with respect to the collision energies of this experiment. A theoretical treatment was developed to relate the observed alignment to the individual tensor cross sections in the collisions.



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The mobility and velocity distribution for Ba+ drifted in helium under well-characterized conditions have been determined using single frequency laser-induced fluorescence. The reduced mobility decreases monotonically with increasing E/N, suggesting that the repulsive part of the Ba+-He interaction potential is probed predominantly. The velocity profiles are characterized by shifted elliptical Maxwellian distributions. The parallel and perpendicular ion temperatures are in excellent agreement with both a repulsive Maxwell model and a parametrized version of the three temperature theory.

The vibrational and rotational product state distributions of the Penning ionization reaction:

$$Ne^{+}(^{3}P_{2}) + N_{2}(X^{1}\Sigma_{g}) \rightarrow Ne(^{1}S_{o}) + N_{2}^{+}(X^{2}\Sigma_{g}) + e^{-}$$

have been determined in a flowing afterglow coupled with a jet expansion and laser-induced fluorescence detection. The rotational distribution in each vibrational state shows evidence for multiple pathways in the reaction, displaying both a highly excited (220-490K) and a very low excitation (45-60K) component. The results may be explained in terms of the location on the potential surface at which electron transfer occurs.

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A. OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH

This research has been directed toward a detailed understanding of the dynamics and kinetics of a wide variety of ion-molecule collision processes. The experimental methods make use of flowing afterglow technology, flow-drift techniques and jet expansions coupled with laser-induced fluorescence and Doppler resolved laser probing. Research objectives include studies of the kinetics of atmospheric ion-molecule reactions, characterization of the alignment and velocity distribution of ions in uniform electric drift fields and determination of the vibrational and rotational product state distributions of Penning ionization processes.

B. STATUS OF THE RESEARCH EFFORT

1. Atmospheric Ion-Molecule Reactions

Published results: "Remeasurement of the Rate Constant and Branching Ratio for the $N_2^+ + O$ Reaction", K. Knutsen, V. M. Bierbaum and S. R. Leone, Planet. Space Sci. <u>36</u>, 307 (1988).

Summary of Research:

We have recently redetermined the rate coefficient and branching ratio of the atmospherically important ion-molecule reaction, N_2^+ with O atoms. This reaction is important in the balance of atmospheric ions and has been implicated in the discrepancy between the measured and predicted density of N_2^+ in the E and F regions at an altitude of 200-400 km. The predicted ion densities are 1.5-2 times greater than the observations, and a higher rate coefficient for the reaction of N_2^+ + O would bring the results into better agreement. Our redetermination at 300K, $k = 1.8 \ (\pm 0.7) \times 10^{-10} \ cm^3 \ s^{-1}$, shows no significant difference with the previous determinations, and thus the thermal energy rate coefficient cannot be the source of the discrepancy. In addition, our measurement of the product branching ratio of $NO^+: O^+ = 90(\pm 3): 10(\pm 3)$ is in good agreement with earlier results. There are speculations that the rate of reaction for vibrationally excited ions may be significantly different than unexcited ions, and future work in our laboratory will attempt to address this issue.

2. Rotational Alignment of lons in Well-characterized Drift Fields

Published results: "Laser probing of the rotational alignment of N_2 + drifted in helium", R. A. Dressler, H. Meyer and S. R. Leone, J. Chem. Phys. <u>87</u>, 6029 (1987).

Summary of Research:

We have studied the rotational alignment of N_2^+ induced by collisions with helium in the uniform electric field of a flow-drift tube. Our results indicate that ions are aligned preferentially with rotational angular momentum vectors perpendicular to the electric field vector in analogy to observations made for neutral molecules in molecular beam expansions. At a drift field of 14 Td, corresponding to a center-of-mass collision energy of 52 meV, a quadrupole moment $A_0^{(2)} = -0.11 \pm 0.03$ is determined for the N=10 rotational state. This indicates that approximately 1.5 times as many molecules have their plane of rotation preferentially parallel to the drift field as perpendicular. The observed alignment is associated with the considerable repulsive anisotropy and the relatively small well depth of the N_2^+ -He interaction potential with respect to the collision energies of this experiment.

The substantial alignment observed for N_2^+ strongly suggests that larger ions may be aligned to a higher degree when drifted in an inert buffer gas. This alignment may strongly affect ion mobilities as well as the kinetic energy dependence of site-specific ion-molecule rates measured in drift-tubes. Experiments to determine the alignment of larger ions, such as the 1,3,5-trifluorobenzene cation, are currently in progress.

Published results: "Steady state model for the collision induced rotational alignment of molecular ions in electric drift fields", H. Meyer and S. R. Leone, Molec. Phys. <u>63</u>, 705 (1988).

Summary of Research:

We have developed a theoretical treatment to describe the rotational alignment of molecular ions induced by collisions in electric drift fields. We have derived a relationship between the state multipole moments which characterize the deviation in an ensemble of rotors from an isotropic M_J distribution and the microscopic state multipole cross sections for rotational energy transfer in an atom-diatom system. Steady state conditions and cylindrical collision symmetry are assumed. We allow for the possibility that the velocity distribution, which is used to calculate the rates, is dependent on the rotational angular momentum quantum numbers J and M_J. Using an approximate velocity distribution, we have related the rotational alignment of molecular ions colliding with a buffer gas in an electric drift field to the zeroth and second order tensor cross sections.

3. Velocity Distributions of Ions in Well-Characterized Drift Fields

Published results: "Direct observation of Ba+ velocity distributions in a drift tube using single frequency laser-induced fluorescence", R. A. Dressler, H. Meyer, A. O. Langford, V. M. Bierbaum and S. R. Leone, J. Chem. Phys. <u>87</u>, 5578 (1987).

"Laser probing of ion velocity distributions in drift fields: Parallel and perpendicular temperatures and mobility for Ba+ in He", R. A. Dressler, J. P. M. Beijers, H. Meyer, S. M. Penn, V. M. Bierbaum and S. R. Leone, J. Chem. Phys. <u>89</u>, 4707 (1988).

Summary of Research:

We have probed the ion velocity distributions for Ba⁺ drifted in helium under well characterized conditions using single-frequency laser-induced fluorescence detection. We have determined the reduced mobilities and the Doppler profiles parallel and perpendicular to the electric field vector as a function of the field strength (E) to the buffer gas density (N) up to 33.5 Td. The reduced mobility decreases monotonically with increasing E/N from the zero field value of 16.7± 0.4 cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 313K. This suggests that the repulsive part of the Ba⁺-He interaction potential is probed predominantly. The Ba⁺ velocity distributions in the drift tube are characterized by a shifted, elliptical Maxwellian at electric fields up to 33.5 Td. The parallel and perpendicular ion temperatures are in excellent agreement with both a repulsive Maxwell model and a parametrized version of the three temperature theory.

In recent experiments we have extended these studies to include accurate measurements of the Ba+ velocity distributions, both parallel and perpendicular to the field with a variety of heavier, more polarizable buffer gases. For argon as a collision partner the velocity distributions take on a substantial asymmetry, in which the distribution in the parallel direction is skewed to higher velocities in the forward direction. Such skewing has been predicted in collisions that are governed by an r⁴ potential.

4. <u>Vibrational and Rotational Product State Distributions of Penning Ionization Reactions</u>

Published results: "A rotationally resolved LIF study of the N_2 + products of the thermal energy Penning ionization reaction; Ne* (3P_2) + N_2 ", D. M. Sonnenfroh and S. R. Leone, J. Chem. Phys. <u>87</u>, 5041 (1987).

"Bimodal rotational distributions of N_2 + produced in the thermal energy Penning ionization of N_2 by Ne* (3P_2)", D. M. Sonnenfroh and S. R. Leone, Int. J. Mass Spectrom. Ion Proc. <u>80</u>, 63 (1987).

Summary of Research:

We have studied the thermal energy Penning ionization of N₂ by Ne* (³P₂), using laser-induced fluorescence probing of the N₂+ products under single collision conditions. In each vibrational state, bimodal rotational populations are observed which can be fit by a two-component Boltzmann distribution with a low (45-60K) and a high (220-490K) temperature element. Several mechanisms are presented to account for the observed bimodal rotational distributions. The most intriguing involves possible dynamical effects of the structure known to exist in the repulsive wall of the entrance surface. This structure may make possible ionizing transitions to two distinct regions of the exit surface resulting in collisions of different inelasticity with the repulsive wall of that surface. We have also measured the N₂+ product vibrational distribution and found that it closely matches photoionization distributions obtained at similar energies. The vibrational results confirm the essential Franck-Condon nature of the Penning ionization process. In contrast, the rotational results provide a valuable extension to the traditional Penning ionization model for repulsive systems.

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- "Dynamics of ion-molecule reactions," Sanibel Symposium, Snowbird, UT, April 1986.
- "Optical studies of product state distributions in thermal energy ion-molecule reactions. I. Infrared chemiluminescence," NATO meeting on Ion-Molecule Chemistry, Les Arcs, France, July 1986.
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- "Laser probing of chemical reaction dynamics," Chemistry Department, University of Tokyo, Hongo, Japan, October 1986.
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